

REMARKS

The Office has asserted that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species: metallic oxides; ceramics; carbon, natural graphite and synthetic graphite; metals; and semi-conductor materials.

Applicants elect metallic oxides, without traverse.

Applicants assert that claims 1-19, 21-26, 28-32, 39 and 49 read on the elected species. Claims 20 and 27 are withdrawn from consideration (claims 33-38, 40-48 and 50-82 have been previously withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner).

Applicants believe that the foregoing is fully responsive to the outstanding Official Action including the restriction and the election of species requirement. If, however, the Examiner believes that any further information or election is required, the Examiner is encouraged to contact applicants' attorney at the number provided below. Such informal communication will expedite examination and disposition of the case.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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